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Applicant: Vijay K. Garikipati et al. Examiner: Craig A. Renner  
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Title: FILTER CONSTRUCTION, METHOD OF MAKING, AND METHOD OF USE

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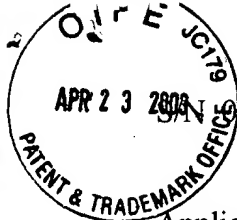
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2003, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-13), which are drawn to a disk drive filter construction.

This election is made without prejudice to presenting the non-elected claims in a divisional application. Specifically, while Applicants make the election indicated herein, Applicants maintain the option to file a divisional application directed to the claims of Group II, drawn to a method of removing contaminants from a disk drive.



Respectfully submitted,

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